

Ware Neighbourhood Plan

Design and Heritage

Summary of survey responses

The Town Centre and in particular the older High Street buildings must be preserved

Any new development in the conservation area must be sympathetic in architectural design and scale to the existing buildings.

- Design of new build should reflect modern thinking whilst remaining sympathetic to their surroundings
- Many would welcome redevelopment of the High Street buildings on the original Saracens Head site. (Comment – Isn't this part of the town's heritage! And a cautionary tale)
- New uses must be found for vacant property
- Greater attention to repair is required

Stop building flats and large groups of essentially identical properties and provide buildings with more adequate car parking

- The new Crane Mead flats are excessive in scale

Enhance the riverside and encourage access and use of the Meads area

Proposals include

- Improve the tow path between the Town and Library Car Park bridges to better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists
- Build more gazebos
- Seating areas on the Meads
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Enhance understanding of the Town's history

- Plaques
- Information boards
- Walks and Talks
- A history trail

Other comments

- Ware in Bloom planting enhances the Town and should be extended to all main routes in Ware
- Could the Town have a 'Community Bank'
- Anxiety that North and East Ware developments will overwhelm the capacity of Ware to absorb increased demand on the centre.
- A 'historic market Town' according to the signage – but without much of a market